


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~generating a first report by filtering out item data in a second report~~ monitoring irregular activity in a network-based auction transaction facility, the method including:

 receiving item data ~~from the second report~~ corresponding to ~~multiple items~~ completed transactions on the network-based transaction facility, the item data including pertaining to multiple items, each of the multiple items having a price-based value for each of the multiple items;

automatically processing the item data at a server coupled to the network-based transaction facility to identify at least one of the multiple items as being an irregular item, based on the price-based value for the irregular item falling outside a range defined by at least one being greater than a predetermined threshold price-based value; and

generating a report including filtered data by removing irregular item data corresponding to at least one irregular item identified from the received item data. /

~~automatically removing irregular item data corresponding to the irregular item from the received item data to thereby generate the first report including filtered data.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, including removing the irregular item data by setting an irregular item flag for the irregular item; and

including only item data for items not having the irregular item flag set in the filtered data.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, including unsetting the irregular item flag of each item having an irregular item flag set if the item is found to be legitimate.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the removing of the irregular item data includes deleting the irregular item data from the filtered data.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the irregular item includes a disingenuous bid.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the irregular item does not physically exist.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, including generating the report filtered data at predetermined time intervals.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~first~~ report is a finance report.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~first~~ report is an item category summary report.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~first~~ report is a daily statistics report.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, including after receiving the item data corresponding to multiple items, automatically converting the price-based values of the

multiple items from a first currency to a second currency, wherein the second currency is the threshold price-based value currency, and choosing the predetermined price-based value from a plurality of predetermined price-based values based on the first currency.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, including automatically choosing the predetermined price-based value from a plurality of predetermined price-based values based on a category in which the irregular item was auctioned within the network-based auction transaction facility.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the choosing of the predetermined price-based value includes selecting the value from a table of predetermined price-based values.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the price-based value includes a selling price of the irregular item.

o/c 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the price-based value includes a fee set by the network-based transaction facility based on the selling price of the irregular item.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, including choosing the predetermined price based an auction type.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including:

storing a bidder identification associated with the irregular item in an irregular user database; and

restricting the user associated with the bidder identification from using the network-based transaction ~~auction~~ facility.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, including removing the bidder identification from the irregular user database if the price-based value associated with the bidder identification is legitimate.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including:

storing a seller identification associated with the irregular item in an irregular user database; and

restricting the user associated with the seller identification from using the network-based transaction ~~auction~~ facility.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, including removing the seller identification from the irregular user database if the price-based value associated with the seller identification is legitimate.

22. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage medium containing executable instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform the method of monitoring irregular activity ~~generating a first report by filtering out item data in a second report~~ in network-based ~~auction~~ transaction facilities, the method including:

receiving item data ~~from the second report~~ corresponding to ~~multiple items~~ completed transactions within the network-based transaction facility, the item data

including pertaining to multiple items, each of the multiple items having a price-based value for each of the multiple items;

automatically processing the item data at a server communicatively coupled to the network-based transaction facility to identify identifying at least one of the multiple items as being an irregular item falling outside a range defined by at least one based on the price-based value for the irregular item being greater than a predetermined threshold price-based value; and

generating a report including filtered data by removing irregular item data corresponding to at least one irregular item identified from the received item data.

automatically removing the irregular item data corresponding to the irregular item from the received item data to thereby generate the first report including filtered data.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring irregular activity ~~generating a first report by filtering out item data in a second report~~ in network-based auction transaction facilities, the system including:


means for receiving item data corresponding to completed transactions within the network-based transaction facility, the item data pertaining to multiple items, each of the multiple items having a price-based value;

means for automatically processing the item data at a server communicatively coupled to the network-based transaction facility to identify identifying at least one of the multiple items as being an irregular item falling outside a range defined by at least one based on the price-based value for the irregular item being greater than a predetermined threshold price-based value; and

means for generating a report including filtered data by removing irregular item data corresponding to at least one irregular item identified from the received item data.

~~means for automatically removing the irregular item data corresponding to the irregular item from the received item data to thereby generate a first report including filtered data.~~

24. (Currently Amended) A system for generating a first report by filtering out item data in a second report received in network-based auction transaction facilities, the system including;

 a database ~~storing to receive and store item data concerning~~ corresponding to multiple items completed transactions on a network-based transaction facility, the item data pertaining to multiple items, each of the multiple items having a price-based value for each of the multiple items; and

a database engine server including an irregular activity monitoring system, wherein the irregular activity monitoring system automatically identifies at least one of the multiple items as being an irregular item falling outside a range defined by at least one based on the price-based value for the irregular item being greater than a predetermined threshold price-based value and automatically removes the irregular item data corresponding to an irregular item from the received item data to thereby generate the first report including filtered data.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 24, wherein the irregular activity monitoring system sets an irregular flag for the irregular item and includes only item data for items not having an irregular item flag set in the filtered data.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 24, wherein the database ~~stores~~ further includes a first look-up table ~~storing~~ to store currency conversion rates and a second look-up table ~~storing~~ to store threshold ~~predetermined~~ price-based values based on auction categories[.], the currency conversion rates used by the database engine server to convert the price-based value of each of the multiple items from a first currency to a second currency, wherein the second currency is the threshold price-based value currency.

Claims 28 –54 (Cancelled)